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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
 STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
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SUBJECT: A RECENT REPORT ON MILITARY DISSENSION IN VENEZUELA

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MILITARY SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ IS AT ITS
 HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE HIS ADMINISTRATION CAME TO POWER IN
 MARCH 1974. ALTHOUGH THERE CONTINUES TO BE SOME ISOLATED GRUMBLING
 OVER PROMOTIONS AND OVER CERTAIN OF PEREZ' POLICIES THERE ARE NO
 INDICATIONS THAT DISCONTENT IS WIDESPREAD WITHIN THE MILITARY
 OR THAT IT IS SHARED BY THE HIGH COMMAND. THUS FAR PEREZ HAS
 MANAGED TO KEEP THE MILITARY SERVICES SATISFIED--THE MILITARY
 PORTION OF THE 1975 BUDGET HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 40 PERCENT.
 THROUGH COMMAND CHARGES PEREZ IS GRADUALLY CONSOLIDATING HIS
 CONTROL OVER THE ARMED FORCES. HE CONSISTENTLY TOUCHES BASE WITH

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MILITARY LEADERS BEFORE ANNOUNCING MAJOR POLICIES AND HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO KEEP THEM UP TO DATE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLOMBIA OVER THE DISPUTED BOUNDARY. ~~REDACTED~~

AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN VENEZUELA THAT WOULD CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO A MILITARY TAKEOVER. THE GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED RIGHT-WING MILITARY PLOTTERS ~~REDACTED~~ ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. THESE OFFICERS ARE LONG-TIME MALCONTENTS, THEY HOLD NO COMMAND POSITIONS, AND ARE NOT WELL REGARDED BY THEIR PEERS. THEY DO NOT REPRESENT A GROUP THAT COULD CARRY OFF A SUCCESSFUL COUP AGAINST A PRESIDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED ^{BY} AS MOST OBSERVERS AS THE UNCHALLENGED MASTER OF VENEZUELAND POLITICS.

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